

# *Collingswood Presbyterian Church*

*"A Friendly Church Where Jesus Christ Is Lord"*



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**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**September 28, 2008**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*We welcome you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Please sign the guest book in the narthex so we can send you a welcome packet.*

Gathering of Prayer Concerns and Joys

*Please raise your hand to share your joys or concerns to be included in the prayers of the people this day. You may also write your concern on a pink sheet and hand it to the Pastor. Please mail a prayer card from the narthex to your loved one.*

Centering Music

Silent Prayer

*Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us your peace in this time of worship. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Those who trust in God are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever.

**People: When the storms of life are raging, those who trust in God are secure.**

Leader: If God had not been on our side when people attacked us, the raging waters of their fury would have overwhelmed our lives.

**People: When the storms of life are raging, those who trust in God are secure.**

Leader: The wicked will not rule the land of the godly. We pray for the presence of the Spirit in this time of worship.

**People: You are our solid rock upon which we stand. Praise be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Gather Us In" #2236 STF

Choir sings the first verse. Congregation sings verses 2 & 4.

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We get scared, O Lord. We are overwhelmed by fears of losing our health, our looks, our money, and our homes. We have trusted in these things to give us security and confidence and they so quickly are lost in the flames of life. When we place our trust in you, we begin to see a larger picture. Things aren't so important anymore. We start to believe what we say every Sunday. We believe that you are real and you are trustworthy. Forgive us for focusing on the panic of our world. Turn our hearts to the peace and safety of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.**

\*Response "Kyrie" #2275 STF

\*Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the Good news!

If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation!

**People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Friends believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus, we are forgiven.**

\*The Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

**People: and also with you.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Anthem: "The Servant Song"

#2222 STF

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

\*Hymn: "Rock of Ages"

#271 Red Hymnal

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon: "Check Your Investments!"

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:35-37-39

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## Offering

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure, is there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:19-21*

## Musical meditation

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Christ all creatures here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God true whom we adore. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of dedication (unison)

**Faithful God, we gratefully acknowledge that you are the giver of all things. You call us to share these gifts so that we may experience the joy and humility of giving to others. We pray that this very act of offering our gifts to you will enable us to be obedient disciples of your work. We are blessed to receive and to offer the message of salvation. Jesus Christ is Lord. Praise your holy name! Amen.**

## Prayers of the people

**Leader: The Lord be with you,**

**People: and also with you.**

**Leader: Let us pray.**

## Prayers of intercession, supplication and petition and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: "O Christ, The Great Foundation" #443 PH

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

*Go Forward and Serve!*

Be a part of God's work through CPC!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, September 28, 2008**

***Welcome to the fellowship of Jesus Christ!***

❧ ***If you are a visitor, please sign the Fellowship Book  
in the narthex so we know you are here!*** ❧

*Large print bulletins and hymnals are available for your convenience.*

*If you have difficulty hearing, personal amplifiers are available in the narthex.*

*Parents, please pick up a worship activity bag for your children.*

*Please return the bags to the narthex after the service.*

## **Thanks this morning to:**

Liturgist: Linda Herzog

Opening and Closing Building: Mike Amato

Greeters/Ushers: Lynn McConnell

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Alex Fell & Beverly Graff in memory of our parents Ethel & Alex Fell and Beverly's husband L. Edmund Graff.



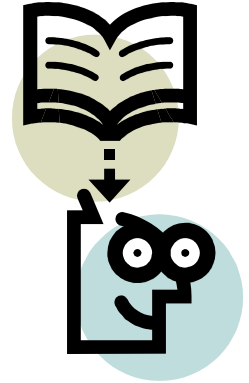
## **This Week at CPC**

<b>Sun., Sept. 28th:</b>	10:30 am --Worship (Sunday School) Youth Group
<b>Tues., Sept. 30th:</b>	9:30 am --Toddler's Playgroup
<b>Wed., Oct. 1st:</b>	9:30 am --Toddler's Playgroup 5:15 pm --Intermediate Bell choir 6:30 pm --Advanced Youth Bell Choir 7:30 pm -- Memorial Bell Choir 7:00-8:30 pm--Confirmation Parents' Meeting
<b>Thurs., Oct. 2nd:</b>	7:00 pm Chancel Choir
<b>Fri., Oct. 3rd:</b>	1st Friday Faith & Fun



Join our new **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES** groups. Sign up for a time that is convenient for you and learn more about the word of Jesus. The groups will all start with the same curriculum. Then, as your group gets to know each other better, you can choose what you would like to do next.

**Book Club** revives! Read *The Shack* by William P. Young, and come to the Church Lounge at 7 pm on Monday October 6th to discuss it! “If God is all powerful and full of love, why doesn’t He do something about the pain and evil in our world? This book answers that age old question with startling creativity and staggering clarity. By far one of the best books I have ever read.” James Ryle, Author



**Library News:** Reminder that you can sign out books and tapes **ANY TIME THE CHURCH IS OPEN. Just fill in the cards with name, phone number, and date.** You can use the print lists of our holdings or access our CPC Library catalog through the CPC website at <http://collingswoodpres.com/>. Click on the Library tab for the collection and Online Resources and Links of Interest. You can also access the collection directly at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/collingswoodpc>. Enter the author, title, or keyword in the query box that says SEARCH YOUR LIBRARY or may click on the YOUR LIBRARY tab to bring you to

Confirmation of our baptism vows will begin **this Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 pm** with a meeting in the lounge for parents and 8th grade students to review the year-long program. We will also meet on Oct. 15th and Oct. 29th from 7:00-8:30 pm.



## **JOIN CHRIST'S MISSION AROUND THE WORLD!**

This year's **CROP Walk** will be on Sunday, October 12th, after the worship service, RAIN or SHINE. Lunch will be served, and then the walk will start promptly at 12:30 pm. We will be walking through Collingswood, and participants will have their choice of taking the short route or the long route. All money raised will be spent to fight hunger both locally and internationally. ALL are encouraged to come... If you are not able to walk, you can show your support by making a pledge, helping with the lunch, or just cheering the group on. Please sign up at the CROP table in the Narthex.



**Our Health Care System is broken.** Did you read about the lady who died in the emergency room waiting days to be admitted? Do you know that we spend trillions on health care, yet 47 million people in the US do not have insurance and 80 million are underinsured. Insurance rates have increased 73% since 2000, forcing employers to cut benefits. Thirty cents of every health care dollar goes toward paperwork, marketing, and profits, not actual care. Doctors hire more clerical worker than nurses and some doctors can't afford to practice in our cities.

The Church and Society committees of CPC and WJ Presbytery are concerned about this issue. Come to a movie night at Joanie and Rebecca's house to see Michael Moore's movie "Sicko" on Friday night, **October 3, at 7:00pm.** Bring popcorn, movie candy, but more importantly, your questions and concerns about this serious issue. Healthcare workers in our church are especially encouraged to come with your input. Sign up at the CROP walk table.

**NEXT WEEK- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**Bring food for the Colls Food pantry.**



**Clean-Up Continues:** There are always things that need to be done to improve the appearance and safety of our church. Can you help out with gardening or painting or minor repairs? Why not consider "adopting" a job? See Keith Haines to sign up and work when it is convenient for you.

**Enjoy singing? It's not too late to join the Chancel Choir!**

We rehearse Sunday mornings and Thurs. evenings at 7pm. All are invited (high school and beyond...). Have some fun and come on out and join others in the same endeavor! Any questions at all, call Stacy Lagakos at 547-3781.

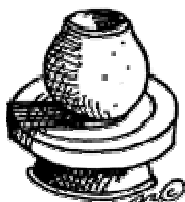


We have only 7 tickets remaining for the spectacle Sight and Sound Theater show titled the *Miracle of Christmas* on Saturday Dec 13, 7:30 pm. We can car pool to the theater. Please see Jen Giordano **TODAY!..**

**Monday morning Bible Study** continues with a look at Noah, the adult version. Join Jennifer at 9:30 am Monday morning, October 6th, in the lounge. All are welcome. Bring friends!

**ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS--  
PLEASE PICK UP A VOLUNTEERS' PACKET  
IN THE BACK OF THE NARTHEX.**

**Sunday School for Breakfast Club today!  
Sunday School for 8th through 12th graders today!**



**ALL FIRED UP Pottery Shop**

Sunday, October 5 : 1:00pm

Cost- \$8.00 sitting fee plus cost of object to be painted.

Bob for an apple and receive an additional 10-40% off!! Sign up sheet will be at church. All are welcome!!

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Birthdays:** Bill Giordano and Bill Goulburn

**Those who serve in government, our military personnel, & those who work in other countries:**

Our country, the upcoming presidential election, and our leaders  
Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world  
CPC Military personnel -- Mark McCaulley, Stephanie Nalls  
Jessica Lowden-- in Monrovia, Liberia

### Shut-ins

Mabel Cordier  
Patricia Moler  
Rosemary Sammons

Robert Johnson  
George Nicholson  
Pat Schuehler

Dorothy Lawnicki  
Barbara Perry  
Alma Lattimore

### Pray for Health and Wellness\*

Chuck Christy  
Cheryl Jean Gordan  
Philip Lagakos  
Bill Sharp  
Tony Tumminia  
Brandon Brauns

Alex Fell  
Ralph Gunther  
Richard Marks  
Rick Stubbins  
Marion Wertz

Sarah Ginter  
Max Gureki  
Susan Moler  
Catherine Tumminia  
Fred Westermeier

### Our Partners in Mission

Faith United Presbyterian Church of Medford  
Our PCUSA mission in Laos  
Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church, Cardenas, Cuba  
Njikob Presbyterian Church, Cameroon

If you are going into the hospital or would like a pastoral visit, please call or have a family member call the church office. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Kate at home at 218-1976.



\* We are working on a new prayer list. If there are people who need to stay on this list and you have NOT filled in a new form, please fill out a new pink form with an update.